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SUBJECT: SEMINAR SPONSORED BY KYONGNAM UNIVERSITY

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1. KYONGNAM UNIVERSITY IN KOREAN IS CALLED KYONGNAM COLLEGE (TAEHAK). IT IS A FOUR-YEAR LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOL WHICH HAD 320 STUDENTS AND SIX FACULTY MEMBERS IN 1969, LATEST YEAR FOR WHICH FIGURES AVAILABLE. AT THAT TIME CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTIVE FORCE PAK CHONG-KYU WAS BOARD CHAIRMAN AND PRESUMABLY HE STILL IS. WE WOULD GUESS PAK'S BACKING OF SCHOOL IS PRIMARILY FOR HIS OWN GLORY AND GRATIFICATION, RATHER THAN AS A FRONT FOR PRESIDENT.

2. PROSPECTURS FOR "SYMPOSIUM ON EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS" STATES THAT IT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY KYONGNAM COLLEGE AND CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, AND CITES SUPPORT BY ROKG NATIONAL UNIFICATION BOARD. PROSPECTUS LISTS TWENTY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING EIGHT FROM CUNY--MORGENTHAU, ZAGORIA, BARGMAN, HERZ, BIRKENHEAD, GORVINE, RIVLIN AND HAN. OTHERS FROM US ARE MORLEY, HELLMAN (U OF WASHINGTON), ORGANSKI (MICHIGAN), OJHA (BOSTON), KIM IL-PYONG (CONNECTICUT), FLANZ (NYU), HORELICK (RAND), AND CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF. TWO JAPANESE ARE KOTANI AND TERATANI. LOCAL KOREANS ARE KIM KYONG-WON OF KOREA UNIVERSITY ASIATIC RESEARCH CENTER AND LEE MYONG-SHIK OF KYONGHEE UNIVERSITY. SYMPOSIUM WILL BE AT CHOSUN HOTEL IN SEOUL.

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3. UNDER THE HEADING "MAIN THEME" PROSPECTUS CITES "POSSIBILITIES

AND PROBLEMS IN CREATING A COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION". HOWEVER, SEPARATE TOPICS LISTED FOR FIVE PANELS--THE INTERNATIONAL ROLES OF THE US, SOVIET UNION, CHINA, JAPAN AND SMALL NATIONS OF EAST ASIA RESPECTIVELY--SUGGEST A BROADER SCOPE.

4. COMMENT: WE HOPE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL HELP THOSE INVITED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ATTEND WITHOUT GIVING IMPRESSION THAT USG INFLUENCED THEIR DECISION. JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, PARTICIPANTS COULD EXPECT THEIR WORDS TO BE REPORTED ACCURATELY, WHILE THEIR PRESENCE WOULD BE PUBLICIZED TO ADD LUSTER TO THE SYMPOSIUM AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH IT--INCLUDING IN THIS CASE PAK CHONG-KYU.

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